

Waukesha Reads returns in October with 'The Seed Keeper'

WAUKESHA — This October, the Waukesha Public Library is inviting the entire community to read, connect, and engage as part of the 2025 Waukesha Reads program.

"The Seed Keeper" tells the story of Rosalie Iron Wing, a Dakota woman who returns to her childhood home in search of connection with her heritage. As she uncovers her family's legacy, she begins to understand the importance of reclaiming Indigenous knowledge and the sacred role that seeds play in preserving cultural identity.

This year's keynote event will be Seeds and Stories with Diane Wilson. Mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23, when author Wilson visits the Waukesha Civic Theatre for Seeds and Stories: A Night with Diane Wilson.

Hear firsthand how Wilson weaves together Indigenous oral storytelling, her work restoring native seeds, and the idea that stories themselves are seeds for the future. The evening includes a Q&A, book signing, and opportunities to purchase books and refreshments.

Free tickets are available at the Civic Theatre box office, online at waukeshacivictheatre.org or at the door the night of the event.

Now in its 19th year, Waukesha Reads is a citywide initiative designed to bring people together through shared reading and conversation. Since launching in 2007, the program has introduced the community to stories that spark dialogue, expand perspectives, and build connections.

Throughout October, the library is teaming up with local schools, arts organizations, and businesses to host a wide range of events — including book discussions, author talks, and themed programs.

Free copies of "The Seed Keeper" and full event calendars are available at the Waukesha Public Library, 321 Wisconsin Ave. You can also pick up a copy at the Waukesha Farmers Market while supplies last.

All events are free and open to the public — no registration required unless otherwise noted. To view the full schedule of events, visit <https://bit.ly/waukeshareads25>

For more information, contact the Waukesha Public Library at 262-524-3682 or stop by in person.